

**COALESCING INFORMATION FROM
MULTIPLE SOURCES BASED ON PRIORITY RULES
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An arrangement is provided for coalescing information from a plurality of agents according to priority rules. Each of the agents is associated with a device group that has at least one device and sends information about the at least one device to a priority rules-based coalescing mechanism. Upon receiving information from an agent, the priority rules-based coalescing mechanism retrieves relevant priority rules and coalesces the information according to those retrieved priority rules.

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